



## **IDAHO STATE BAR**

### **UNIFORM SECTION BYLAWS**

#### **Young Lawyers Section**

##### **ARTICLE I**

##### **NAME AND PURPOSE**

###### Section 1 - NAME:

This Section shall be known as the Young Lawyers Section of the Idaho State Bar.

###### Section 2 - OBJECTIVES:

This Section is created to:

(a) Stimulate the interest of young and recently admitted lawyers in the objects of the Idaho State Bar;

(b) Promote professional and social understanding and cooperation among young and recently admitted lawyers;

(c) Contribute to the educational and professional advancement of all lawyers in general and young and recently admitted lawyers in particular;

(d) Facilitate mentoring relationships between members of the Section and other members of the Idaho State Bar;

(e) Organize, facilitate and promote community service activities for member of the Section;

(f) Organize, facilitate and promote social functions for members of the Section and other members of the Idaho State Bar; and

(g) Take such other action and perform such other functions as may be deemed appropriate.

###### Section 3 - FURTHERANCE OF OBJECTIVES:

In furtherance of the objectives set forth in Section 2, the Young Lawyers Section shall:

(a) Provide a forum in which young and newly-admitted lawyers may discuss issues of law and the legal profession acutely of interest to them;

(b) Prepare articles for publication in The Advocate, circulate a newsletter to its members, presenting lectures or seminars at the Idaho State Bar annual meeting and at other meetings during the year which may be held for that purpose;

(c) Work with charitable organizations and members of the community to promote fundraisers

and to create community service opportunities for members of the Section;

(d) Host New Admittee Receptions and other social events to encourage relationships between members of the Section, and between members of the Section and other members of the Idaho State Bar;

(e) Prepare statements pertaining to issues that affect young lawyers, provided that any position taken or statements issued must first be approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar. The Section, or any member acting on its behalf, shall clearly state that such position or statement does not represent the policy of the Idaho State Bar, but only the policy of the Section, except where the statement or position has been formally approved or adopted by the members of the Idaho State Bar pursuant to the provisions of Rule 906 of the Idaho Bar Commission Rules. Statements of policy of the Section shall be adopted only in accordance with Article VII, Section IV of these by-laws; and

(f) Engage in such other activities not hereinabove enumerated which are consistent with the objectives of the Section.

#### Section 4 - CLE POLICY:

Any educational programs conducted by the Section shall be coordinated with and cosponsored by the Idaho State Bar or the Idaho Law Foundation, Inc., for purposes of avoiding conflicts in schedules, duplication of educational programs, and for the purposes of receiving assistance from the Idaho State Bar/Idaho Law Foundation staff in the preparation of program content and pricing. It is specifically recognized that the profits and/or losses from such continuing legal education offerings shall inure to Idaho State Bar.

## **ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

#### Section 1 - MEMBERSHIP:

(a) All members of the Idaho State Bar in good standing, under the age of thirty-seven (37), or who have been admitted to the Idaho State Bar less than three years, shall be eligible to be members of this section.

(b) All students enrolled at any ABA-approved law school shall be eligible to be members of this section.

(c) Membership in the section shall, except as provided in subsection (f) below, terminate at the end of the year within which a member attains the age of thirty-six years, or at the end of the year in which the member reaches the third anniversary of membership in the Idaho State Bar, whichever is later.

(d) Application for membership shall be made upon the appropriate form supplied by the Idaho State Bar.

(e) Non lawyer section members shall be nonvoting members and shall not be eligible to serve as officers of the section.

(f) The membership year shall be the calendar year.

(g) Subsections (a) and (c) of this Section notwithstanding, members of the Idaho State Bar who do not otherwise qualify for membership in the section may join the section as “Young Lawyer Fellows”, provided that Young Lawyer Fellows shall not be eligible to serve as officers or Executive Committee members, nor to vote on section business.

Section 2 - DUES:

Members of the Section shall pay such annual dues as the Council of the Section may direct, subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar. The dues shall be set at a level adequate to cover the expenses of operating the Section, including, but not limited to, administrative expenses of the Idaho State Bar, Section officers' travel and meeting expenses, and publications of the Section. Sections may not charge members annual dues of more than \$50 without prior approval by the Board of Commissioners.

### **ARTICLE III OFFICERS AND COUNCIL**

Section 1 - OFFICERS:

The officers of the Section shall be a Chair, Chair-Elect, and a Secretary-Treasurer, Newsletter/Website Coordinator and CLE/Publications Coordinator. In addition, the Executive Director of the Idaho State Bar will serve as assistant treasurer without voting rights.

Section 2 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

There shall be a governing Executive Committee which shall consist of the current officers of the section. In addition, the Executive Committee may appoint up to three additional members at large to serve on the Executive Committee for such period of time as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

### **ARTICLE IV POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Section 1 - AUTHORITY:

The Council shall manage the affairs of the Section, subject to the provisions of the Idaho Bar Commission Rules, the "Rules and Procedures for Establishing a Section", the duties of the Executive Director enumerated below, these by-laws, and the right of the members to decide any issue at a duly called membership meeting. The Executive Committee shall fix the Section dues subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar and shall authorize all commitments or contracts that entail the expenditures of funds.

Section 2 - DELEGATION:

The Executive Committee may authorize the chairperson to make commitments or expend money and to perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Executive Committee may from time to time direct, subject to the limitations of Section 1 of this Article.

Section 3 - QUORUM:

A simple majority of the Executive Committee present at any meeting shall determine any question. One half of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4 - MEETINGS:

Executive Committee meetings may be held in person or by conference call. The section Executive Committee may vote on any issue by email or by written ballot.

Section 5 - CALL:

The Executive Committee shall meet regularly at a time and place established for that purpose by the Committee. Additionally, the Executive Committee may meet at the call of the Chair or upon the request of three members thereof. Reasonable notice shall be given for every meeting.

## **ARTICLE V POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1 - CHAIR:

The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Section and the Executive Committee. The Chair shall formulate and present to each annual meeting of the Idaho State Bar a written report of the work of the Section from the preceding year. In addition, s/he shall give such periodic written or oral reports to the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar as they may require. The Chair shall perform such other acts as usually pertain to such office.

Section 2 - CHAIR-ELECT:

Upon the death, resignation or inability for any reason of the Chair to act, the Chair-Elect shall perform the duties of the Chair. The Chair-Elect shall succeed automatically to the Chair at the meeting during which the other officers are elected. The Chair-Elect shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Executive Committee.

Section 3 - SECRETARY/TREASURER:

The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Section, the council and the Executive Committee of the Section. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep duplicate records of all the dues collected and all expenses of the Section and shall present a report to the membership at each regular meeting of the Section. The Secretary/Treasurer shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Executive Committee.

Section 4 – NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE COORDINATOR:

The Newsletter/Website Coordinator shall regularly circulate a newsletter to members of the Section addressing Section activities, events and other information of interest to Section members. The Newsletter/Website Coordinator shall develop and manage a website for the Section. The Newsletter/Website Coordinator shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Executive Committee.

Section 5 – CLE/PUBLICATIONS COORDINATOR:

The CLE/Publications Coordinator shall develop a series of CLEs sponsored by the Section addressing the topics of particular interest to members of the Section. The CLE/Publications Coordinator shall work with the Advocate and other publications to regularly engage members of the Section to write articles. The CLE/Publications Coordinator shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Executive Committee.

Section 6 - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ASSISTANT TREASURER:

The Executive Director of the Idaho State Bar shall serve as assistant treasurer, without voting privileges, and shall be responsible for receiving dues money, disbursing funds, keeping the books of the Section, and seeing that the Section operates in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Idaho State Bar, including, but not limited to, the expenditure of funds and the payment of expenses.

**ARTICLE VI  
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

Section 1 - ACCOUNTING

All funds of practice sections shall be funds of the Idaho State Bar and shall be administered by the Idaho State Bar. Section funds are subject to the financial rules and procedures of the Idaho State Bar. As with Idaho State Bar funds, section funds will be accounted for by the accrual method of accounting.

Section 2 - EXPENSE POLICY

Section expenditures are subject to the same restrictions as Idaho State Bar funds. The Idaho State Bar is an integrated bar, and as such, is limited in its ability to engage in legislative and political activity. This limitation applies to section activities, programs and the expenditure of section funds. Expenditures must be for activities that are within the scope of the purposes of the Section and the Idaho State Bar.

Section 3 - GRANT REQUESTS

No section shall, without prior authorization of the Board of Commissioners, make a grant request to an outside entity in the name of the section or the Idaho State Bar.

Section 4 - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year for section accounts shall be the calendar year.

Section 5 – SECTION FUNDING

Sections are required to comply with the Policy on Funding of Sections and the fund balance limits established by the Board of Commissioners.

**ARTICLE VII  
MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS**

Section 1 - ANNUAL MEETING:

The annual membership meeting of the Section shall be held during the course and at the place as set by the Executive Committee of the Section. Proper notice of the annual membership meeting shall be given to all Section members.

Section 2 – REGULAR MEETINGS :

Further regular meetings may be established by the Executive Committee, and the Chair or members of the Executive Committee may call such special meetings as may be necessary. Reasonable notice shall be given. Members of the Executive Committee are expected to attend all regularly scheduled Sections meetings.

Section 3 - QUORUM:

Ten members of the Section shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Action of the Section shall be a majority vote of the members present and qualified to vote.

Section 4 - TERM OF OFFICE:

Officers, except ex officio members and the Chair, shall be elected by the Section for terms of one year. Elections shall be conducted through any confidential means, including, but not limited to, electronically via e-mail.

Section 4 - POLICIES:

Statements of policy or position may be adopted only by vote of a majority of the members of the Section at a regular meeting or by a majority of members voting by email so as to afford the greatest opportunity for participation of the members of the Section.

## **ARTICLE VIII IMPLEMENTATION, AMENDMENTS AND DISCONTINUANCE**

Section 1 - EFFECTIVE DATE:

These by-laws shall become effective and this Section shall be created upon the execution hereof by ten members of the Idaho State Bar and upon approval by the Board of Commissioners.

Section 2 - AMENDMENT:

These by-laws may be amended by majority vote of the Executive Committee or by majority vote of the members at any duly called meeting, but no amendment shall be effective until approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Section 3 - DISCONTINUANCE:

The Executive Director of the Idaho State Bar shall maintain a list of members of this Section. At such time as the membership of the Section shall number less than fifty (50), the Executive Director shall report that fact to the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of determining whether the Section should be continued.